

Her Presentiment

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Reuben Kastner was night watchman at the office of Jones Brothers, dealers in railway supplies. One night his wife gave him his supper, he went to the little bed where his two children lay, kissed them, then bade his wife adieu, with a sigh.

"What's the matter, Reuben?" she asked.

"I dunno," said Kastner. "I got a presentiment."

"A presentiment of what?" asked his wife.

"That someb'd's goin' to happen. Someb'd's turnin' somethin' that'll leave you and the children with nothin' to eat and no roof over your heads."

"And I've got a presentiment, too," said Mrs. Kastner.

"What's that?"

"That someb'd's goin' to happen that'll set us all up."

"Oh, you're foolin'!" said the husband as he walked away. "You never take anything serious."

Kastner went to the office, where he relieved the porter, who acted as day watchman, and began his dreary night watch. He walked about from one room to another, occasionally going into a room where stood the safe. To do this he was obliged to take out a key and turn the bolt in the spring lock in the door that connected this room with the main office. After taking a look at the safe he would let the door close and would sit down in an office chair, and at the expiration of an hour would go through the process again.

He had opened the door to the safe room and gone inside for a look when three men—where they came from he could not surmise—seized him from behind and threw him to the floor. Producing a cord, they bound him hand and foot and gagged him. Then, sitting him in a chair, they tied him to it, and one of them, knocking off the knob of the safe door with a hammer, put a charge of nitroglycerin in the hole made and attached a fuse. Having done this they placed gunny bags over the safe to deaden the sound, lighted the free end of the fuse and all left the office. Their idea was to blow open the safe, killing the watchman, on the principle that dead men tell no tales, return and help themselves to the contents.

When they left the room the door was closed by the spring, and Kastner was shut up in the safe room while a sputtering fire was running along the fuse toward the explosive.

A great many things came to Kastner while watching that running fire. He saw himself blown into pulp by the explosion; he saw his wife waking from slumber to think about her lonely husband watching through the long night; he saw his little children sleeping in their bed with their arms around each other's neck.

He would not die. He would make an effort for life. If he could get down on the floor he might possibly escape the worst. He began a violent rocking, a swaying from side to side. This he kept up till he was up on his feet. His fall broke the cord that bound him to it. There was still a foot of the fuse trailing on the floor not yet consumed. Kastner, having his hands and feet tied, could not reach the fire or kick it, but he could roll toward it. This he did and presently rolled on it.

Another danger confronted him. Would the fire be smothered or would it ignite his clothing and first burn him, then blow him to pieces? He lay flat on the fire and felt the heat beneath him.

He heard a rattling at the door. The burglars, anxious to see what was going on within the safe room, were trying to open it, but, finding it locked, could not do so without breaking it down, and this might attract attention from those without. Since nothing seemed to be gained by effecting an entrance, they determined to await the explosion.

Meanwhile Kastner lay on the fuse, praying that it would be smothered. Gradually the heat under him died down. He watched to see if it were burning beyond his body, but since it did not he made up his mind that it had been extinguished.

At last the robbers, having concluded that the explosion had failed, after debating the propriety of kicking down the door, decided that they had better get out while they could. Some one might have gone into the safe room from another entrance.

When the porter went into the safe room in the morning and saw the night watchman on the floor, bound hand and foot, he knew at once what had happened. He released Kastner and telephoned for a member of the firm to come immediately to the office, since an attempt had been made to blow up the safe.

The senior Mr. Jones, came without waiting for his breakfast, and when he saw the safe and heard Kastner's story he exclaimed:

"Thank heaven! There was \$30,000 in there in bank bills."

Kastner went home to breakfast in a carriage, and when his wife saw him alight she said:

"I reckon it's my presentiment that's come true, isn't it, Reub, seein' you're comin' home that way?"

"Well, maybe it is." And drawing ten \$100 bills, a gift from his employers, from his pocket, he showed them to her.

Then he sat down to breakfast and told the story of his night's adventure to his wife and children.

MIDDLEBURY LOCALS.

M. T. Mack, Edward Shea, Mrs. Alice Courtney and Mrs. Sawyer, who have been visiting Miss Cordie Bessette, have returned to Lowell, Mass.

D. P. and Alton Lafayette and Walter Morgan are in New Haven in the interest of their coverage near the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Langworthy are installing a modern bathroom with fixtures in their house on Pleasant street occupied by P. J. Hincks.

Benjamin S. Stewart, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, will leave on Saturday for New York city.

Mrs. W. C. Watson and children have returned to their home in Bridgeport, Conn., after a two weeks' visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Halpin.

Dr. C. A. Averill, a former resident of Denver, Col., has been visiting his brother, Dr. H. L. Averill, for a few days this week.

Mrs. Henry Langworthy and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Burke, and Mrs. A. H. Langworthy of Burlington were visitors in Brandon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mullen and daughter, Margaret, of Jamestown, N. Y., who have been visiting Mrs. Mullen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckley of Pleasant street, returned to their home Thursday.

William Bentley is installing modern opera seats in his moving picture house in Grange hall.

William Eells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Eells of Pleasant street, has returned to his home in Worcester, Mass., after a short visit to his parents.

Mrs. H. B. Haselton has returned to her home in Pasadena, Cal.

John Lower, who has been visiting his family in town for the past few days, has returned to his duties in Rutland.

H. P. Flynn of Troy, N. Y., a former resident of this village was in town for a few days' visit this week.

Mrs. O. E. Chilson has returned from Lake Champlain, where she has been camping for the past few weeks.

Mrs. William Fales and son, Frank, have returned to their home on Case street after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Rich.

Miss C. V. Costello has gone to New York city, where she will spend several months.

Miss Isabelle Behan, who has been visiting friends in town for the past two weeks, has returned to her home in Haverhill, Mass.

John C. Wilson, who has been visiting relatives and friends in town for the past ten days, started on his return to his home in New York city Tuesday morning, making a short stop in Rutland and from there to Boston, Mass., where he will visit a brother, returning to his home on Saturday.

Mrs. L. N. Howard went to Boston Tuesday night, where she will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Decker have gone to Rutland where they will visit relatives for a few days. They will also visit in Bennington before they return home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simon have gone on a ten days' trip to various parts of northern New York state.

R. H. Fassett, who has been visiting at the home of C. W. Fassett in this village for the past two weeks, has returned to his home in Hancock.

Frank Shea has gone to New Bedford, Mass., where he has a position as instructor in the public school.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hincks and daughter are visiting at the home of her parents in Beacon City, N. Y.

Miss Fay Butterfield has gone to Fulton, Mo., where she has been appointed a member of the faculty of the university in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Thompson of Theford Mines, Can., left town Tuesday after spending several days with her mother, Mrs. M. Tilden.

Miss Lena Abair has gone to Boston, Mass., where she will spend a few days and from there she will go to Lynn, Mass., where she will spend some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter King have gone to Rutland, where they will visit relatives and friends for the next week.

S. J. Demo has gone to Waterbury and Northfield on a week's business trip.

Mrs. Inez Fenn and daughter, Eleanor, returned to their home in Fitchburg, Mass., Monday after a two weeks' visit in town.

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